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Serial No.: 08/771,467

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Examiner: Neil Levy

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For: METHOD AND DEVICE FOR
PROTECTION OF WOODEN
OBJECTS PROXIMATE SOIL
FROM PEST INVASION

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, it is respectfully requested that this Information Disclosure Statement be entered and the documents listed on attached Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner and made of record. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(d), copies of the listed references are enclosed.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d), Applicants are hereby submitting a statement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) and a petition for the consideration of the accompanying Information Disclosure Statement under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(d)(2). Applicants hereby petition for

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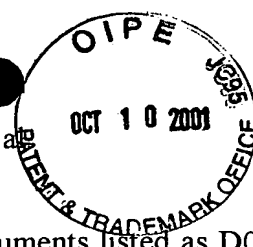
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the consideration of the documents listed as D01, D02, and E01 on the attached Form PTO-1449 under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(d)(2).

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(1), Applicants hereby certify that items D02 and E01 contained in the Information Disclosure Statement were cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of the information disclosure statement.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e)(2), Applicants hereby certify that item D01 was not cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application and, to the knowledge of the person signing below after making reasonable inquiry, was not known to any individual designated in § 1.56(c) more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(g), (h), this Information Disclosure Statement is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made and is not to be construed to be an admission that the information cited is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(b).

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted after the mailing of either the mailing of a Final Rejection or Notice of Allowance but before payment of the issue fee. Accordingly, a fee of \$180.00 is included herewith. If this check is inadvertently not enclosed, or is in error in amount, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or to credit any overpayment (except payment of the issue fee) to Jenkins & Gilchrist Deposit Account No. 10-0447/47309-00025USC1.

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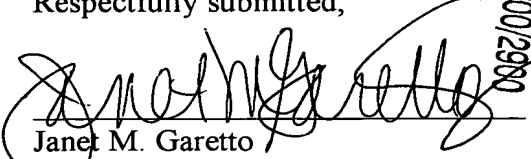
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Applicants respectfully request that the listed documents be made of record in the present case.

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